

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application. Claims 19-20 have been added to further recite applicants' invention. It is respectfully submitted that these newly added claims are supported by the application as filed (including specification, claims abstract of the invention and drawings) and that no new matter has been added.

Terminal Disclaimer

To overcome the Examiner's double-patenting rejection, applicants have filed a terminal disclaimer pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c).

Reasons for Allowance

The Examiner expressed grounds for distinguishing the pending claims over the prior art of record. Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for providing such reasons. It is further and respectfully submitted that additional grounds exist for distinguishing the claims over the prior art of record.

Newly Added Claims

Claims 19-20 can be distinguished over the prior art of record for reasons similar to those expressed by the

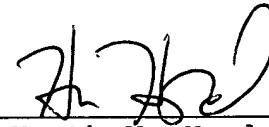
Examiner. Specifically, the prior art of record neither teaches nor suggests a compound having the claimed formula set forth in claim 19, nor does it teach or suggest the ability to use such compound as a contrast agent as recited in claim 20.

Conclusion

In view of the forgoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application now stands in condition for allowance. The Examiner's further consideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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